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SUBJ: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY

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1. BELIEVE TRIPOLI MEETING REFTEL IS ARAB LABOR ORGANIZATION MEETING, WHICH SECRETARY-GENERAL OF OATUU, DENNIS AKUMU, WAS INVITED TO ATTEND AS REP OF FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

2. WILL CHECK FURTHER, BUT OUR INFO IS THAT OATUU MEETING IN ACCRA SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK IS ORDINARY GENERAL COUNCIL OF OATUU MEETING WHICH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN JANUARY BUT DID NOT. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, PURPOSE IS TO ADOPT WORKING PROGRAM OF OATUU AND DISCUSS FINANCES. DELEGATES WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION CENTERS AFFILIATED WITH OATUU. PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING CANCELED AT LAST MOMENT AS SEC GEN AKUMU OUT OF TOWN;  
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STORY WE HEARD WAS THAT TELEGRAMS ANNOUNCING CANCELLATION

DID NOT REACH EVERYONE AND NUMBER OF FRANCOPHONE AND NORTH AFRICAN (INCLUDING ALGERIAN) DELEGATES ARRIVED IN ACCRA BUT LEFT IMMEDIATELY MUCH PUT OUT THAT MEETING NOT COMING OFF. THIS DOES NOT SOUND AS IF ALGERIANS WERE MOVING FORCE IN OATUU AFFAIRS.

3. SUSPECT, BUT HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED, THAT OATUU PROBABLY HAS INVITED OBSERVERS FROM EUROPEAN UNIONS, MOST LIKELY SOME OF THE FELLOWS AKUMU MET IN NAIROBI RECENTLY AT THE FRIEDRICH EBERT-SPONSORED SEMINAR ON EEC-AFRICA RELATIONS.

4. HAVE JUST HEARD THAT PAT O'FARRELL, DIRECTOR AFL-CIO'S AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER, WILL BE IN ACCRA NEXT WEEK ALSO (PURELY BY COINCIDENCE, OF COURSE), SO IF "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN AFRICA ARE UP TO SOMETHING, WE WILL NO DOUBT HEAR ABOUT IT.  
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